Dear FDA:

Here are my comments concerning reducing egg borne diseases caused by contaminated eggs.

These comments pertain to these docket numbers, 98N-1230, 97P-0197, 96P-0197.

The FDA should prohibit the practice of forced molting. This forced molting has been shown to promote disease in the starving hens immune systems.

The FDA was petitioned in April, 1998 to ban forced molting and I believe that this petition should be granted.

Forced molting should be banned because it is the main cause of infectious diseases in hens and eggs.

To protect humans from diseses and to protect hens from further cruelty, the forced molting practice should be stopped.

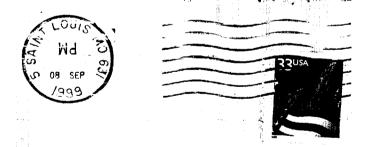
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